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From: Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 5:13 PM

To: Glen Biegel

Subject: Re: Commissioner Sampson announced.

Hey, he's got a new boss now, right?! Let's allow him good direction so that we DO see a dramatic improvement in educ.

Thanks for coordinating with Meg on the state of state. Let us (incl. Ivy) know of your suggestions for bd. appts.

Anything new on the radio gig?

Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net> wrote:

> I have just heard the news about the reinstatement of commissioner Sampson. I am disappointed but hope he will implement your policies well and that we will see a dramatic improvement in education and sincere integration with Labor and Commerce. In the event of a continuation of past performance, perhaps Mr. LeDoux will have an opportunity to serve you in the future.
>
> If you are interested, I have a number of people who would be good state board of education members.
>
> Back to the State of the State.
>
> God Bless,
> Glen

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From: Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 6:44 AM

To: Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR); 'Bruce Anders'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Patrick S Galvin; Balash; Joseph R (GOV)

Subject: RE: Inaccessible re: gasline?

Makes a lot of sense, sounds very good. Hopefully the press/public will be patient with us. I don't want that aspect of the story (belated AGIA introduction) to grow legs of its own.

Thanks so much for responding to those recent press inquiries, Meg and Bitney.

Meghan Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

To close the loop, I spoke with Ayers tonight and just provided her with our update from today. Essentially, the following paragraph is what I said:

The governor's goal has always been to introduce a gasline bill on day one of the session, but we want to get it right with a good product. The gasline team is recommending that the bill be delayed to continue to work through the vetting process with the experts. That's where it is now. We have the bill with the concepts and the details, but it is going through the experts' hands right now. We don't want to introduce a bill just to introduce a bill and meet a goal. Delaying the bill's introduction gives experts the chance to weigh-in and ensures that the best product goes before the Legislature.

She amended a line of the story that instead of stating that a bill will be introduced in the first week of the session, she wrote that a bill will be introduced in the first weeks of the session.

I forwarded this paragraph from the weekend and she was going to draw upon it to further define the law of general application.

The governor has long stated that the obsolete Stranded Gas Development Act was the improper legal vehicle for negotiating a viable and profitable contract. Therefore, the governor's gas cabinet is working around the clock to draft a bill seeking a law of general application. When passed, this law will bring transparency to a competitive process, will jumpstart construction with valuable incentives, and will maximize the return on a gasline for both the state and the project proponent. The Palin Administration will be introducing this bill in the upcoming legislative session as soon as the bill has been vetted through experts. As to the Port Authority Board and ANGDA sharing information, I applaud any efforts by any potential applicants to join forces, including the three primary North Slope producers, in whatever manner they deem appropriate to eventually submit the most attractive and beneficial proposal for the Administration's consideration under the new law.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2007 6:28 PM
To: 'Meghan Stapleton'; 'Sarah Palin'; marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; 'Bruce Anders'; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: RE: Inaccessible re: gasline?

Sabra Ayers from the Anchorage Daily News just interviewed me regarding the Governor's legislative agenda. She asked a number of questions regarding the Governor's natural gas development bill.

My statements in this regard were as follows:

- it is the Governor's goal to have a bill ready during the first week of the session...we are working hard right now to be prepared
- the bill is a general law of applicability, which qualifies any/all entities to come forward.
- She asked about time frames for getting things done. I emphasized that this Governor does not want to compromise the state's negotiating position by setting deadlines. We

do realize this is an important project for the future...and there are many benchmarks in the process

I also spoke today with Rep Mike Hawker and Rep Craig Johnson. Rep Johnson is chair of H-Resources (along with Rep Carl Gatto). Johnson said that he wanted to have initial hearings that talk about the energy market in the United States as a way of illustrating that it is important for Alaska to move quickly to meet market demand. I told Rep Johnson we would contact him and Rep Gatto very soon about outlining a schedule.

I don't see anything in the below statement inconsistent with my comments...but my fingers are crossed.

So far, all legislative contacts have been positive in regard to working with us on the natural gas issues. There will, no doubt, be some tough questions...but everyone is emphasizing that 1) they want to work with us, and 2) they do not intend to initially "put us on the spot." I believe with some good communication, we can at least get off to a decent start.

John Bitney

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Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2007 4:58 PM
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Subject: RE: Inaccessible re: gasline?

The press just began contacting us this weekend regarding the gasline. The statement below was used as a foundation for Channel 2, ADN, Wall Street Journal, etc.

As we've discussed, there will be a meeting Tuesday night at the mansion regarding the State of the State and in particular, the gasline progress. We will send out the media advisory and extend the invitation, perhaps as early as tomorrow. That should help many understand the timeline and the importance of it.

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Cc: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Inaccessible re: gasline?

I'm hearing accusations that we're "not accessible" re: gasline progress/updates.

Can we let the public know as soon as possible where the gasline team is on moving forward in a transparent fashion?

Sarah Palin <govpalin@yahoo.com> wrote:

> ***Scott Heyworth <heyworth@gci.net>*** wrote:
> Scott

Gas line meeting draws crowd

Jan. 9, 2007

By MATT TUNSETH

Frontiersman

WASILLA - Supporters of an all-Alaska natural gas pipeline came out swinging Sunday afternoon during a presentation by the Alaska Gasline Port Authority.

"We've gone 12 rounds in an 18 round fight and we're the only ones still standing," moderator John Reeves said as the presentation began.

The presentation hit on a wide range of topics related to the authority's proposed project. One of the main points was that North Slope gas should be used as soon as possible to benefit Alaskans in whatever ways possible - through construction of a pipeline, cheap gas for Alaskans and increased state revenue.

"It's Alaska's gas and it should be used for Alaskans' benefit," Valdez mayor Bert Cottle said.

But as the event wore on, participants also used the forum to speak out against big oil and the Murkowski administration for their inability to get any kind of project off the ground.

"At what point do Alaskans say, 'enough is enough?'" asked Cottle. "I think that point is now."

Rep. Carl Gatto, R-Palmer, attended the meeting and said he believes much of the blame for the stalled pipeline discussions should go to one company.

"The biggest stumbling block is Exxon," Gatto said. "They do not want to move the gas."

Gatto expressed anger with the oil giant both for its reluctance to move North Slope natural gas and the company's failure to pay settlements from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

"They know that if you can hire more attorneys, you can go on for a generation," he said. "Dealing with Exxon has be a serious problem."

The Murkowski administration was unable to secure a contract with the North Slope oil and gas companies to bring th state's enormous gas reserves to market. Many in attendance at Sunday's forum said the oil companies have no right to sit on gas that belongs to the state, and pressure should be brought to bear on them.

"If you had a house with a tenant that didn't pay rent for 20 years, would you let them keep living there?" Reeves aske "Exxon owes us money."

Reeves said he believes Gov. Sarah Palin's new administration will be more supportive of the port authority's project, well as less beholden than Murkowski to the interests of oil companies.

"They've owned a lot of our legislators. They've owned our governor. But they don't own our governor now. They dor own this guy here," he said, pointing to Gatto.

The port authority is comprised of representatives from the municipal governments of Valdez, Fairbanks and the Nortl Slope. Its goal is to build a pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez, with a spur line to supply Southcentral Alaska's gas needs.

The plan, supporters say, would share revenue from the line between the state and municipalities across Alaska.

Beyond that, however, port authority representatives said they would be perfectly happy if someone else - including th oil companies - built the pipeline. The point, they stressed, is that some kind of pipeline project needs to get done soor rather than later.

"Either we'll build it or somebody else will build it," Cottle said.

The Valdez mayor said port authority representatives will continue holding public forums across the state as a way to drum up support for the project and keep pressure on the oil companies.

"We're not going away," he said.

Contact Matt Tunseth at

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From: Erika Fagerstrom [erika_fagerstrom@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 4:56 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Re: FW: Media Reception at the Residence- Tuesday, January 16, 2007 6:30-8:30pm.

I'll send the updated information to her. :)

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Sarah Palin wrote:

> Pls include Kari in this loop. thanks!
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> ***Meghan Stapleton*** <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:
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> > Press briefing Tuesday evening at the Governor's mansion. The list below reflects 25. Erika, I can stop by on Friday to take a look – perhaps late morning would work best.
> >
> > Preliminary attendees:
> > Anne Sutton – AP
> > Steve Quinn – AP
> > Bill McAllister – Channel 2
> > Sabre Ayers – Anchorage Daily News
> > Stefan Milchowski – Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
> > Pat Forgey – Juneau Empire
> > Matt Simon – Channel 11 News
> > Christina Grande – Superstation News (includes Channel 13 Anchorage and ABC in Juneau)
> > Gregg Erickson – Alaska Budget Report
> > Judy Erickson – Alaska Budget Report?
> > Becca Braun – Alaska Budget Report
> > Bob Tzach – Fisherman's
> > Dave Donaldson – APRN
> > Matt Miller – KTOO
> >
> > Governor
> > Commissioner Rutherford
> > Commissioner Galvin
> > Mike Tibbles
> > Joe Balash
> > Meghan Stapleton
> > Charles Fedullo
> > Sharon Leighow
> > John Bitney
> > Chris Clark
> > Bruce Anders

We are calling many right now to give a heads-up. I think an invitation is too formal as I am telling reporters this will be a very informal sit around the table and talk gasline and receive an advance on gasline state of the state. No cameras. Embargoed discussion. In one sense don't know that we can expect it to be "off the record" as they will be using elements to discuss the next day – embargoed is probably the important word. We have been discussing teleconference availability though I am now leaning against it as we cannot control if someone is recording somewhere else. Especially since every major outlet in the state is covered with the above attendees.

From: Erika Fagerstrom [mailto:erika_fagerstrom@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 11:18 AM
To: Meghan N Stapleton
Subject: Media Reception at the Residence- Tuesday, January 16, 2007 6:30-8:30pm.

Hello Meghan,

Welcome to Juneau!

I just wanted to touch bases on a couple of items for the Media Reception at the House on Tuesday, January 16 from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Guest List 25 (Media, GOA and Staff)
Would you email a guest list to me when you have a chance, even if it's not the final one.
Invites
How are you planning to invite this group? Is it going to be a simple phone call or do you need me to generate a formal invitation? Another option is a phone call and follow up with a *reminder* invitation that could be mailed out.
RSVPs
If you'd like them to RSVP to you that's great, please just keep me *up to date* on the responses. If you'd like for me to take care of the RSVPs the phone number is 465-2599 and then I would keep you *up to date*.
Menu
Horsedeuvres
Finger food desserts
Teleconference Call
You will set up the call and I will make sure that the *phone* is set-up. We'd need to decide in advance which room is best suited for the call, so just let me know when you can stop by the House (preferably this week).

I think that's it for now. Please let me know if there's anything that I can assist you with for this reception or if you have any questions. I assume that you're my contact for this event, so please let me know if there's someone else that I should be working with as well.

Thanks,
Erika

Privilege cell

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To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: governor's email account

This is the Governor's private email account.

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From: Mike Tibbles [mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 9:40 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: RE: Fw: Westwind II

I will have Russ work with DPS to send a response. It sounds as if we are doing just fine on our own. We have a bid at $2.1 and the individual is interested in negotiating with the state on a final amount. It that does not work, we can put it out for another 10 days on ebay. The Turbo North gentleman needs to be informed that any use of a broker would have be established through a competitive bid process.

Mike

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:govpalin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 12:40 PM
To: mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
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To: "Sarah Palin" <govpalin@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fw: Westwind II
Date: Wed, 10 Jan 2007 11:50:33 -0900

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To: Sarah
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Dear Governor Palin,
Just checking in to see if we could go to work for you selling the Westwind,
Kind Regards,
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907-223-5282 Cell.
----- Original Message -----
From: Rob Heckmann
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Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2006 3:55 PM
Subject: Westwind II

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